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SUBJECT: REPROCESSING ISSUE

1. IT WAS A MEMORABLE MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END. PRESIDENT AND GISCARD DISCUSSED REPROCESSING PLANT SALE DURING THEIR MAY 26 MEETING. WHEN DE GUIRINGAUD MET SECRETARY ON MAY 29, HE SAID THAT FRANCE HAS DECIDED NOT TO SELL THE REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD INFORM PAK UN PERMREP AKHUND OF FRENCH DECISION BY MAY 31.

2. OUR TWO IMMEDIATE GOALS ARE TO GUARD AGAINST AN INTEMPERATE PAKISTANI REACTION ONCE IT LEARNS OF THE FRENCH DECISION, AND TO DISSUADE PAKISTAN FROM ATTEMPTING  
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TO DEVELOP A NUCLEAR OPTION ON ITS OWN. WE BELIEVE OUR CHANCES OF ACHIEVING THESE GOALS ARE ENHANCED IF WE CAN OFFER PAKISTAN A PACKAGE OF TANGIBLE INDUCEMENTS AND SOME POLITICAL SUPPORT. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, WE ARE CONSIDERING AN ISLAMABAD VISIT BY AMBASSADOR NEWSOM, A KARACHI PORT CALL BY A NUCLEAR CRUISER, AND POSSIBLE INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGES ON SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN.

3. THE SECRETARY WILL MEET SHAHI IN NEW YORK MAY 2ND.  
WE WILL RECOMMEND THAT AFTER THAT MEETING, WE BRIEF A  
VERY SMALL NUMBER OF KEY PEOPLE ON THE HILL. WE WANT TO

BRING THE SHAH UP TO DATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND WANT  
TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE WITH INDIA ON OUR EFFORTS TO  
REASSURE PAKISTAN ABOUT ITS SECURITY CONCERNS.

4. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS THE DRAMA UNFOLDS AND  
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE. AS A FIRST  
STEP, THE FOLLOWING ARE THE UNCLEARED TALKING POINTS  
WHICH WE ARE SUGGESTING THE SECRETARY USE WITH SHAHI.  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST ANY CHANGES, PLEASE LET  
US KNOW ASAP.

5. POINTS TO BE MADE WITH AGHA'SHAHI:

-- WE RECOGNIZE THE NEW AND SERIOUS THREAT TO PAKISTAN'S  
SECURITY POSED BY AFGHAN EVENTS. WE, LIKE THE PAKIS-  
TANIS, ARE ATTEMPTING TO KEEP LINES OPEN TO THE NEW  
AFGHAN REGIME AND REINFORCE ANY NATIONALIST TENDENCIES,  
BUT WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF  
THAT REGIME -- WITH OR WITHOUT SOVIET ENCOURAGEMENT --  
TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR ITS NEIGHBORS.

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-- I HAVE RAISED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT AFGHANISTAN WITH  
GROMYKO THIS WEEK. YOU ALSO SAW THAT MR. BRZEZINSKI  
IN HIS "MEET THE PRESS" INTERVIEW WARNED OF THE THREAT  
TO DETENTE POSED BY SOVIET EFFORTS TO ENCIRCLE AND PENE-  
TRATE THE MIDDLE EAST.

-- OUR AMBASSADOR IN KABUL IN EARLY CONVERSATIONS WITH  
PRESIDENT TARAKI AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS  
EMPHASIZED OUR INTEREST IN REGIONAL STABILITY.

-- IN THE LONGER RUN, THE AFGHAN PROBLEM MUST BE LOOKED  
AT IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT. IN OUR VIEW, COOPERATION AMONG  
COUNTRIES OF THE REGION BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.  
IN OUR CONVERSATIONS, WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE IRANIANS,  
SAUDIS, TURKS AND INDIANS ALL SAY THEY ARE DISTURBED BY  
THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIME OF AFGHAN EVENTS. WE  
WILL BE PURSUING THESE DISCUSSIONS, MOST IMMEDIATELY WITH  
PRIME MINISTER DESAI ON JUNE 13-14 IN WASHINGTON.

-- IN ADDITION, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT UNDER  
SECRETARY NEWSOM VISIT PAKISTAN AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT  
TIME FOR A MORE DETAILED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SITUA-

TION IN THE REGION. I WOULD HOPE THAT HE MIGHT ALSO VISIT TEHRAN AND JIDDA AND EXPLORE IDEAS FOR FURTHER COOPERATION.

-- THE FRENCH HAVE INFORMED US OF THEIR DECISION ON THE REPROCESSING PLANT. WE UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL SENSI-

IVITY OF THIS ISSUE IN PAKISTAN AND WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

-- WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF OUR CLOSE AND FRIENDLY TIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, AND IN LIGHT OF AFGHAN EVENTS, I HAVE ASKED MY STAFF TO SUGGEST WAYS WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE. WE WILL, OF COURSE, LIFT THE SECRET

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FREEZE ON NEW AID DISBURSEMENTS. WE WILL ALSO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR MILITARY SALES WHICH FALL WITHIN OUR GLOBAL MILITARY SALES.

-- WE ARE LOOKING AT OTHER WAYS WE CAN BE HELPFUL IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FIELD, AND LOOK FORWARD TO TALKS BETWEEN OUR EXPERTS IN ISLAMABAD ON THIS ISSUE. WE ALSO PROPOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOP ON HOW WE CAN BEST ASSIST PAKISTAN IN THE NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD. IN THAT REGARD, IF THE GOP SO WISHES, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ON NEGOTIATING A BILATERAL NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH, IF SIGNED, WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE AMERICAN COOPERATION IN PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND POSSIBLE POWER PROGRAMS.

-- SOME OF THESE IDEAS ARE NECESSARILY SOMEWHAT TENTATIVE; THEY ALL REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. I WISH TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THE CENTRAL FACT THAT NOW THAT THE REPROCESSING ISSUE IS BEHIND US, WE FULLY INTEND TO ACTIVELY WORK TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN IN THE FIRM BELIEF THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES WILL BENEFIT FROM SUCH TIES.

-- YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE GLENN AMENDMENT APPLIES ONLY IF REPROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY ARE TRANSFERRED FROM ABROAD. HOWEVER, I MUST BE ABSOLUTELY FRANK WITH YOU AND SAY THAT NEITHER THE CONGRESS NOR THE ADMINISTRATION COULD SUPPORT ANY AID PROGRAM OR MILITARY SALES IF PAKISTAN SEEKS TO DEVELOP REPROCESSING CAPABILITY ON ITS OWN OR TAKES ANY FURTHER STEPS TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES. VANCE

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